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Board of Directors
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
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Re: Support of Station at Leimert Park/ Vernon and below grade at Park Mesa Heights

Dear Board Members and Executives:

This letter is to express my strong support for Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' motion regarding the Crenshaw/LAX transit corridor project.

Specifically, I ask for the Board to support (1) the design and construction of the Crenshaw/LAX rail line below grade from Exposition and Crenshaw to the Harbor Subdivision/Florence right of way and (2) the inclusion of a station at the Leimert Park/Vernon area. A wide range of constituents have expressed their support for the proposal. We share in the belief that the proposed elements will provide increased pedestrian safety, decrease traffic congestion, improve travel time and increase ridership.

In conjunction with the concerned community members of my District, I strongly urge the Board to support Supervisor Ridley-Thomas' motion today.

Sincerely,

Karen Bass
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